



State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Administrative Policies and Procedures: 24.4

Subject: Youth Appearance and Dress Code

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Application

To All Department of Children's Services Youth Development Center Employees and Youth

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Policy

Superintendents of youth development centers shall outline in the facility youth handbook a dress code for youth that conforms to guidelines set forth in this policy.

Procedures

A. Dress requirements

1. All rules and regulations concerning youth appearance and dress code must be reasonable and restrictive only for the purposes of safety, security, identification and/or hygiene.
2. Youth are required to dress neatly in clean clothes. They may wear personal clothing or a combination of personal and facility clothing based upon guidelines of their treatment program.

B. Hair care

1. Hair care services will be made available to all youth. Youth will not be required to wear a particular hairstyle in a particular manner for purposes of public embarrassment or punishment. Hair must be kept neat and clean at all times.

2. Youth who work in food services must wear a hair net or head covering while on duty. Youth who wear their hair below the collar and who are assigned to work near machinery must be required to wear a hair net or a head covering. The superintendent may designate other areas requiring the use of a hair net or a head covering.

C. Jewelry

Each facility shall determine what type of jewelry shall be allowed for youth to wear. This shall be outlined in the facility youth handbook.

Forms

None

Collateral Documents

None

Standards

ACA 3-JTS-3D-08

ACA 3-JTS-4B-15

DCS Practice Model Standards-8-306